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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1.-8. (Cancelled)

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- (Currently Amended) A process for manufacturing a polyaramid reinforced silicone rubber article comprising the steps in order of:
  - selecting a polyaramid textile, the polyaramid textile being a weft insertion warp knit fabric having polyaramid weft and/or warp yarns,
  - b) activating the polyaramid textile with at least one of an epoxy compound and a plasma,
  - c) activating the polyaramid textile with a plasma,
  - e) d) dipping the polyaramid textile into an organosilane dip comprising acryloxy organosilane, and
  - d) e) bonding the dipped polyaramid textile to silicone rubber.
- (Original) A process according to claim 9 wherein said organosilane dip further comprises an epoxy organosilane.
- (Original) A process according to claim 9 wherein said organosilane dip is an aqueous dip.
- 12. (Canceled)
- 13. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim [[12]] 9 in which said plasma activation comprises an air plasma.
- 14. (Original) A process according to claim 13 in which said plasma activation comprises an air plasma further including water as an aerosol.

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- 15. (Original) A process according to claim 9 in which said organosilane dip further comprises an amino functional organosilane.
- 16. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 13 in which said plasma activation comprises an air plasma further including epoxy as an aerosol.